Losses of HEC, Ranchi

6991. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HEC is consistently running in losses for the last many years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) what remedial measures have been taken by Government to wipe out its accumulated losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd. (HEC) has been incurring losses for quite some time except in 1988-89 when it earned a net profit of Rs. 12.53 crores after restructuring.

(b) The details of the losses incurred by the company during the last three years are as follows :—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Net Loss
1991-92	62.66
1992-93	127.25
1993-94 (Prov.)	174

(c) The Government have taken various steps to wipe out its accumulated losses, such as extension of financial support to the company within its budgetary constraints, release of funds to raitonalise its excess manpower and counter guarantee for extension of cash credit facilities. Besides, Government have directed the company to take administrative measures for reducing its overheads, improve its productivity and execute orders in time to improve its profitability.

Employment provided under PM's employment scheme

6992. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of persons who have been provided self-employment during 1993-94 under PM's employment scheme in the country Statewise, and Union-territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana during the year 1993-94, 223927 applications were received and 82050 applications have been recommended to the banks for sanction of loans for setting up enterprises. Final reports regarding cases sanctioned by banks upto 31st March are still awaited. On an average each enterprise, when operational, would provide employment to two persons.

Closure of Jute mill by J. K. Industries

6993. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the J.K. Group of industries has closed its tenth and last unit in Kanpur, J. K. Jute Mill, thereby rendering more than four thousand workers unemployed and helpless;

(b) whether the Labour Commissioner of the Kanpur area has declared this closure illegal; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to maintain industry in Kanpur and protect the interest of workers in the face of such unilateral closures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Purchase Preference for PSUs

6994. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any circular or direction has been sent by the Department differ-

entiating Central Government Public Sector Undertakings and State Government Public Sector Undertakings with regard to purchase preference as a result of which the consideration permitted for Central PSUs are no more available for State Government PSUs;

(b) if so, the justification for such discrimination between Central Government PSUs and State Government PSUs;

(c) whether there is any proposal to reconsider this lopsided policy and extend the purchase preference to State Government PSUs also; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The policy of price preference enjoyed by the public sector had been carefully reviewed by Govenrment and a circular was issued making purchase preference admissible to Central Public Sector Enterprises for a limited period of three years upto January 1995.

(b) As Central Public Sector Enterprises are under the control of Central Government, the circular covered only Central Government Public Sector Enterprises.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not aries.

Foreign investment during the Eighth Plan period

6995. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial outlay in the foreign investment proposals during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the total actual flow of foreign investments during the period;

(c) the number of new industrial projects based on foreign investment which came on stream during the period; and

(d) the number of new industrial projects based on foreign investment for which ground was created during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Since April, 1992 till March, 1994, approvals have been accorded to 1526 proposals envisaging foreign direct investment of Rs. 13079 crores.

(b) The total actual inflow of foreign direct investment from 1992 till March, 1994, is estimated at Rs. 3055.13 crores.

(c) and (d) Data in regard to such industrial projects are not centrally maintained in the Ministry.

Curtailment of financial power of National Renewal Fund

6996. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the effectiveness of the National Renewal Fund Scheme is likely to be affected as the Financial Power of the fund has been curtailed;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the other measures proposed to revive the ailing industries in the private and public sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Detailed guidelines have been issued by RBI regarding formulation/ implementation of rehabilitation packages in respect of sick/weak units considered potentially viable for their revival. For this purpose banks carry out viability studies in respect of sick/weak units and identify viable & non-viable units. Rehabilitation package, inter-alia, provides for funding of existing dues of banks and financial institutions with extended period for repayment thereof in a phased manner, interest concessions, grant of fresh term loans as also fresh